

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
June 5, 2000  
MAG Offices  
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

* Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman	Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale
Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Vice Chairman	* Mayor John Keegan, Peoria
Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler	

\* Not present

1. Call to Order

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Skip Rimsza at 12:20 p.m.

2. Approval of April 17, 2000 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Mayor Elaine Scruggs moved, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2000 Executive Committee meeting, as written.

3. Overview of the Proposed Development of the MAG Regional Transportation Plan

Stuart Boggs handed out information on the new Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Boggs stated that the regional transportation plan would replace the FY 2000 Long Range Transportation Plan. He said that the new plan would provide direction for all transportation projects and programs. Mr. Boggs stated that a new plan is needed not only because the regional freeway system will soon be complete, but also because of the region's rapid growth in population and high technology.

Mr. Boggs explained the flow chart for the development of the Regional Transportation Plan. He indicated that the two year process includes two phases. Mr. Boggs stated that the Plan must provide a shared vision for the future by involving elected officials, the public, Title VI populations, and the business community. He noted that public involvement would be pursued at all stages of the plan's development.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked the estimated cost of the Plan. Mr. Boggs replied that the cost would be approximately \$270,000 for the first year. Acting Chairman Rimsza indicated that voice and data technologies need to be included. Mr. Bourey stated that examination of electronic infrastructure is included in the Work Program.

Mayor Scruggs asked what would be the alternative if a new regional plan were not drafted. Mr. Bourey explained the yearly process for updating the existing 20 year long range plan. A new plan would give us a clear understanding of future goals and direction to attain them. He stated that an extension of the half-cent tax, which expires in 2005, needs to be considered. Acting Chairman Rimsza commented that without clear direction, each city might decide to go forward with their own plans. He stated that a model that understands the needs of all is necessary.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked if the plan would be a needs-based, or needs- and funding-based plan. Mr. Bourey replied that funding, as well as needs, would require consideration. Acting Chairman Rimsza noted the importance of determining specific projects. Mr. Smith stated that it is important to lay down a plan in order to have a guidepost, even though funding might not currently be available.

Mayor Scruggs asked if elected officials would continue to comprise the Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee. Mr. Bourey replied that the Subcommittee composition would remain the same, unless a strong interest was expressed to make a change.

Acting Chairman Rimsza stated that a focus on mechanics is important. He indicated that 2002 would be preferable for extending the tax. He stated that 2004 would be too late. Acting Chairman Rimsza commented that if the education tax passes, it could present problems for extending the half-cent tax.

Mr. Bourey expressed concern that there may be insufficient time for MAG and ADOT to complete their planning process in order to fit in with for the Governor's Vision 21 Task Force timetable. Acting Chairman Rimsza stated that it was possible that the Task Force could continue their work.

#### 4. MAG Office Space Update

Mr. Bourey stated that MAG has two separate leases for office space on the second and third floors. Mr. Bourey commented on that the owners may feel that there is not an imminent need to get serious about negotiations. He commented that the market may become softer in upcoming months because of the new office space becoming available. Mayor Tibshraeny asked for the owner's response to the counter offer. Mr. Burnand stated that counter offer included a blended rate of \$20.00, no first right of refusal on the McCarthy space, and higher parking fees.

#### 5. MAGIC Articles of Incorporation

Rita Walton stated that changes in state law necessitate that references in the Articles of Incorporation be updated to reflect a technical change to conform with current statutes. She said that because this section was repealed, an amendment is needed. Ms. Walton mentioned that the since Executive Committee, serving as the Board of Directors for the Corporation, has the authority to approve amendments to the Articles of Incorporation.

Mayor Tibshraeny moved, Mayor Scruggs seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the conforming changes to the MAGIC Articles of Incorporation.

6. Formation of a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation to Address Human Services and Other Related Needs

Mr. Bourey stated that the Internal Revenue Code provides that an organization, such as MAG, may qualify as a 501(c)(3) organization for an exemption for charitable contributions. He said that 501(c)(3) organizations can receive corporate and individual contributions that are tax deductible. MAG was formed as a 501(c)(4) and cannot receive contributions that are tax deductible. Mr. Bourey stated that many activities in the MAG human services area could benefit from the formation of a 501(c)(3) in supporting programs such as domestic violence and homeless planning. Mr. Bourey stated that there were occasions when funds would have been given to MAG programs if MAG had been designated as a 501(c)(3).

Mayor Tibshraeny asked if donations from corporations would qualify for tax exemption if MAG received the 501(c)(3) designation. Mr. Bourey replied that was correct. He indicated that the designation did not require action, and was being presented to the Committee for information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary